

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ELECTORS
OF GREAT WISHFORD HELD AT ST. GILES CHURCH
On Thursday 24th May 2018

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

There were six persons present with Mr Tom Nash in the Chair.

Apologies

Cllr Darren Henry. Ms J Blenkinsop

Minutes

The minutes of the last Annual Assembly on May 20th 2017 were agreed and signed

Chairman's Report

The Parish Council met six times in the past year 2017/18.

The precept this year has remained at £4500.

The long anticipated 20mph scheme for the village has finally arrived and we are very pleased to see traffic moving through the village at more appropriate speeds.

As part of the 20mph scheme we have been very pleased to forge new links with Great Wishford School and in particular the School Council. The Chairman of the Parish Council was invited to attend a School Council meeting and as a result of this meeting the children organised a poster competition to publicise the 20mph scheme. The Parish Council were very pleased to welcome representatives from the School Council to a Parish Council meeting with their short list for competition winners which were then agreed upon by both Councils. Following the printing of the posters and the engraving of a cup the Chairman was invited back to the school to present the prizes to the winner and runner up in a celebration assembly. This has been a really productive collaboration and we look forward to working together closely in the future.

The Village pub continues to do well and this year they have worked hard to raise money for a defibrillator to benefit the parish. Money was raised by the Royal Oak and significant contributions were made by both the Oak Apple committee and the Parish Council in order to meet the required total. It is a facility we hope we never have the need to use but that we are grateful to have should the need ever arise.

The ongoing work on Wishford Bridge has caused some inconvenience for the Parish over recent months. The Parish Council has written to the County Council to express the frustrations felt by many residents and to make constructive suggestions to avoid similar problems occurring in the future. Moving forward we will be lobbying the Council to improve the (C10) back road to Wilton for the benefit of residents as well as cyclists using the National Cycle Route and in doing so bring trade to villages along the back

road.

This year we were very pleased to nominate David and Eileen Boler for a Volunteer Award through Amesbury Area Board. David and Eileen attended a presentation at Antrobus House where they were awarded an Highly Commended Certificate in recognition of the work they have done in establishing the very successful Cafe in the Church.

The Parish Council would like to thank Tim Wilton for generously running our website – his time and expertise are kindly provided free of charge. Our website is co-hosted with South Newton in order to share costs and provide best value for money for both Councils.

S137 payments have remained the same with payments of £50 each being paid to Good Companions Club, Wilton and District Day Centre, Grovely Preschool, Oak Apple Club, Wilton and District Link scheme and Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The Parish Council has been working to comply with GDPR and has now put the appropriate procedures in place.

I would like to express my thanks to all the Parish Councillors, Councillor Darren Henry and the Parish Clerk for their efforts and support during the year.

Wishford United Charities

The Annual Income and Expenditure account for the year ending 31st December 2017 was presented. The total value, less property stands at £50,721.58. The second home has now been improved. The Rev Hugh Bonsey has resigned from the board as he takes up new duties in Sherborne this July. The rector replacing him will become a member.

Parish Police Report

PC 1481 Lucy Wileman sent the following report:

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22nd June 2017 St Giles Church Suspect has been in the church and has forced entry into the vestry inside of the church, nothing has been taken but the sliding bolt has been snapped on the outside of the door.

54170113953

6th December 2017 West Street Suspect(s) have smashed the front passenger window with a stone or rock, gained entry into the vehicle & stolen a handbag & contents from within.

54180035029

21st April 2018 Bonham Close Suspect(s) have smashed the rear window of car whilst parked in layby outside house.

Target Patrols

Target patrols are set up to deal with local issues or other bigger projects that are required. Below are some of the bigger projects and patrols that have been in place to deal with series of crimes when they occur.

These are agreed at the Neighbourhood tasking meetings, the next tasking meeting for Amesbury Rural takes place on 9th May at 19.00 hours at Amesbury Police Station.

Op Eskimo

Op Eskimo was launched on the 8th December. The aim of this was to mount a visible uniformed operation, supported by plain clothes officers in local town centres prior to Christmas Day by working at certain times and targeting identified stores which have a high shoplifting rate. By working in conjunction with partner agencies in the town in order to try and identify known and potential offenders and to dissuade them from committing offences.

To allow for a patrol strategy and implementation to disrupt and deal with criminality namely shoplifting and purse dips.

Patrols were in place from 8th December until 24th December. In total 21 patrols took place. Purse chains and crime prevention leaflets were handed out.

Theft from Motor Vehicles

This priority commenced on 22nd November and remained in place till 22nd February for the whole patch. In total 41 patrols were actioned.

Theft from Work Vans

It's thought that the break-ins have been carried out using a lock-picking device which is capable of bypassing the lock system without causing any damage to the vehicle.

There's no restriction on the sale of locksmith equipment in the UK, meaning such devices are available on the open marketplace.

It's worth pointing out that Transit vans are not the only commercial vehicle at risk. No van is 100% secure when faced with a suitable lock pick device, however the sheer volume of Transits out on the road means the number of reported break-ins will consequently be higher.

What can I do to protect my van?

All van owners are advised to fit an alarm and boost security by installing additional Slamlocks or deadlocks independently of the manufacturers. It is also a good idea to consider insuring your work tools. This is important because most standard van insurance policies do not cover loss of tools left in a van overnight. In fact, some policies state that you can't store tools in your van unless it meets certain security requirements. Don't get caught out, and check.

Anyone that owns a Ford Transit Van built between 28 March 2012 and 1st July 2017 can have an update applied to their vehicle.

Will it cost me anything to have the software update done?

Not at all, this is a Ford-initiated recall and update, so the modification should be applied for free by your local dealership.

Any Other Business

A resident reported an improved situation with the parking outside the school. It would seem that staggered start times has helped to clear some of the congestion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm